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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Hoffman on July 12, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION :

Between the Paragraphs [0005] and [0006], add

Fig. 1 is a view partially in cross-section of a first embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 2 is a view partially in cross-section of a second embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 3 is a view partially in cross-section of a third embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 4 is a view partially in cross-section of a fourth embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 5 is a view partially in cross-section of a fifth embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 6 is a view partially in cross-section of a sixth embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 7 is a view partially in cross-section of a seventh embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 8 is a view partially in cross-section of an eighth embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 9 is a view partially in cross-section of a ninth embodiment of the valve drive.

Fig. 10 is a cross-section view of the valve lift device in accordance with one embodiment of the invention.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ching Chang whose telephone number is (571)272-4857. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 7:00 AM -5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Denion can be reached on (571)272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

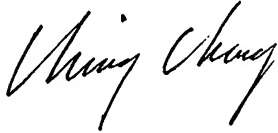
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Patent Examiner

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Ching Chang

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Denion".

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